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SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES AND KNOXVILLE EXPOSITIONS

REF: PRAGUE 3441

1. YOUR 3441 REFERRED TO COMMERCE WHO HAS TECHNICAL RESPON-  
SIBILITY FOR INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITIONS. COMMERCE ADVISES  
AS FOLLOWS:

TWO MAJOR INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION PROJECTS IN U.S. ARE  
LOS ANGELES UNIVERSAL EXPOSITION PLANNED FOR SITE AT  
ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA, IN NINETEEN EIGHTY-ONE EXPO '81, AND  
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE SPECIAL CATEGORY EXPOSITION IN NINE-  
TEEN EIGHTY-TWO, ENERGY EXPO '82.

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2. AT DECEMBER 14, 1977 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE  
BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITIONS (BIE) IN PARIS, THE  
U.S. DELEGATE INFORMED THE BIE THAT U.S. WAS NOT SENDING  
LOS ANGELES EXPO '81 FORMAL INVITATIONS TO FOREIGN COUN-  
TRIES UNTIL SUCH TIME AS ORGANIZERS PRESENTED ADDITIONAL  
FINANCIAL DATA. COMMERCE REALIZES THAT INVITATIONS ARE

REQUIRED TO BEGIN PARTICIPATION PROCESS, HOWEVER, UNDER BIE RULES INVITATIONS MUST BE SENT DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS NLT MAY 1, 1978, AND THE DELAY IS TO ASSURE ADEQUATE FINANCIAL

PLANS FOR A SUCCESSFUL EVENT. SOME PROGRESS WAS REPORTED FOR EXPO '81 TO BIE TOWARDS OBTAINING SITE, DEVELOPING A STAFF OF PROFESSIONALS IN VARIOUS FIELDS OF EXPERTISE AND COMPLETING AN UPDATED FEASIBILITY STUDY.

3. KNOXVILLE ENERGY EXPO '82 IS PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY FOR A SPECIAL CATEGORY EXPOSITION WHICH HAS OVER FOUR YEARS BEFORE OPENING. APPROPRIATE PROGRESS IS BEING MADE IN ALL AREAS INCLUDING FINANCING AND INVITATIONS ARE ANTICIPATED TO BE SENT IN ADEQUATE TIME FOR ALL FOREIGN COUNTRIES TO PREPARE PARTICIPATION. VANCE

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